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She hid her white face in the sorrow of her hair,
That fell to the white petals of her feet.

LIBERTY

Wantonly I've been a freed man!
In a weary, checked freedom;

Far from the spinning in the pure blue of air,
Out of the hymnal curve of worlds.

And I wish I were caught by an orbit in tune
With the choral serfdom of stars.

Here, beneath the tree-tops even, I find
Among meadowing sheep random more sure than mine—

More sure than the frolic of pennies
And the eddy of men in the streets.

Hear, O Democracy:
Unless I be captive to rhythm
I am least free;
Unless the rose can hold me meek,
Or tiredness of dusk put me to sleep,
Unless I be creature of the morning,
Sheep of a shepherd,

I am gone far astray in liberty—
Homesick beyond song.

David Greenhood